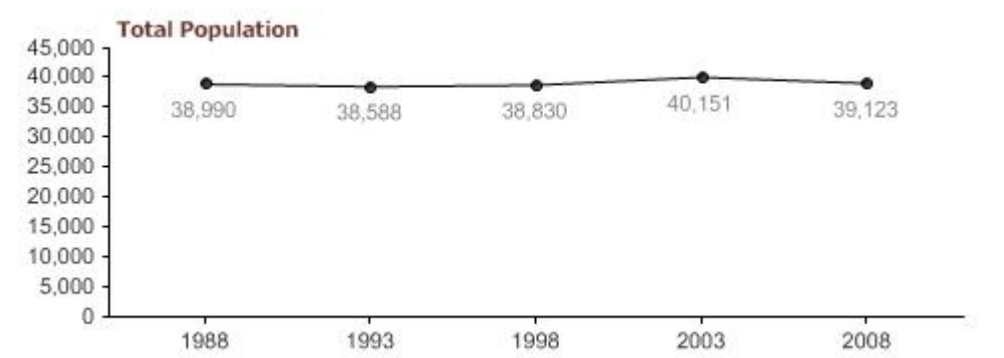


Cass County, IN Highlights

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	38,990	38,588	38,830	40,151	39,123
Change Since 1988		-402	-160	1,161	133
Pct. Change Since 1988		-1.0%	-0.4%	3.0%	0.3%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008		
	Number	
Net Domestic Migration	-135	
International Migration	70	
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	143	
Births	534	
Deaths	391	

A bar chart titled "Components of Change" showing the components of population change from 2007 to 2008. The y-axis represents the number of people, ranging from -200 to 200 in increments of 50. The x-axis lists three categories: Domestic Migration, International Migration, and Natural Increase. The bars are: Domestic Migration (blue, -135), International Migration (red, 70), and Natural Increase (green, 143).

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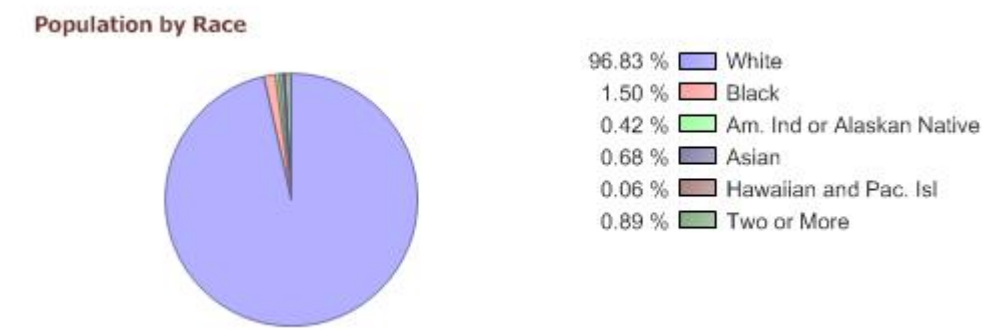
Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	2,690	6.9%
School Age	7,125	18.3%
College Age	2,859	7.3%

Young Adult	10,286	26.3%
Older Adult	10,527	27.0%
Older (65 plus)	5,706	14.6%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	165	0.4%
Asian Alone	266	0.7%
Black Alone	587	1.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	24	0.1%
White Alone	37,803	96.8%
Two or More Race Groups	348	0.9%



Hispanic or Latino		
Non-Hispanic or Latino	34,994	89.6%
Hispanic or Latino	4,199	10.8%

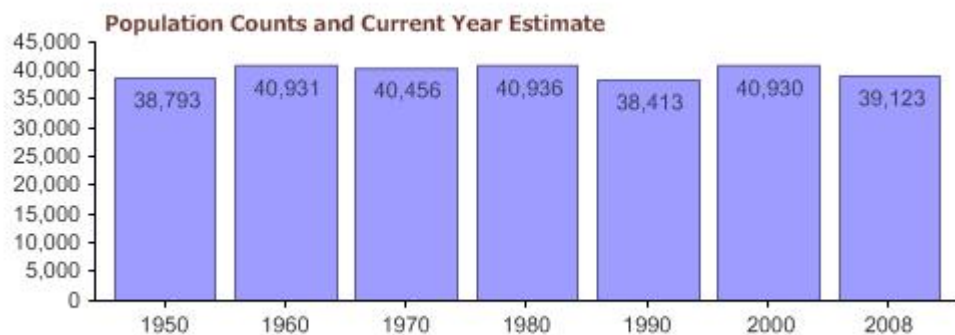
Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000		
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	15,715	100.0%
Family Households	10,928	69.5%
Married with Children	3,729	23.7%
Married without Children	5,062	32.2%
Single Parents	1,246	7.9%
Other	891	5.7%
Non-family Households	4,787	30.5%
Living Alone	4,069	25.9%
Average Household Size	2.61	
Average Family Household Size	3.75	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate			
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	38,793	NA	NA
1960	40,931	2,138	5.5%
1970	40,456	-475	-1.2%
1980	40,936	480	1.2%
1990	38,413	-2,523	-6.2%

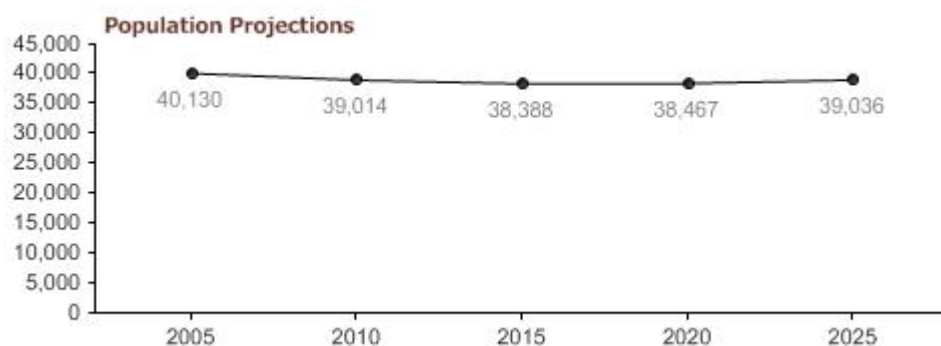
April 2000	40,930	2,517	6.6%
2008	39,123	-1,807	-4.4%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	40,130	39,014	38,388	38,467	39,036
Change Since 2005		-1,116	-1,742	-1,663	-1,094
Pct. Change Since 2005		-2.8%	-4.3%	-4.1%	-2.7%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center